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Dear Colleague

RE - Working together to meet the needs of Cornish children and give them a better future – Workshop on 9 January 2019

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our workshop and for your committed and positive participation. Together we want to provide fostering and residential placements that are high quality and give our children and young people the best support to enable them to overcome their difficulties and achieve their potential.

As promised, I attach a copy of the presentation from the workshop for your information. We captured the key points and questions raised at our workshop and please find these enclosed too.

Also as promised, I have already had a discussion about how to offer our training to those of you who are caring for Cornish children.

We are keen to continue to build our positive partnership with you, and so we would like to invite you to attend our next session which will be on Monday 1 April 2019. As promised we will try to meet you 'half way' and are holding this next one out of Cornwall. It will be held in Taunton, at the Rugby Club from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm, with refreshments and lunch provided.

We hope that you can organise your busy schedules so that you can join us. Further details will be emailed to you and advertised on Due North nearer the time but please hold the date in your diary.

As you have requested, I thought it would be helpful at this stage to share with you our indicative outline timetable for the tender. We will issue the tender early September and take the time between now and then to work together with you to develop mutual expectations for care placements. Again as you have requested, we are keen to simplify the process for you and to support you.



We will then assess the tenders and award for inclusion on the Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) during mid December 2019. In January to March 2020 will be mobilise the new arrangements, with a contract start date on 1 April 2020. If you have any queries please contact Angie on the email above or call 07968 892660.

Information on how to access and be supported in using our Due North system for the tender process can be accessed via the following links:

- All suppliers must register to receive alerts relating to relevant contract opportunities
- www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk
- All tender information is published on Due North (e.g. specification, ITT, Legal terms and conditions)

There is support available too for you:

- <http://cornwallcouncilintranet.cc.cornwallonline.net/need-to-know/commercial-services/e-tendering-and-contract-management-system/>

From the website...

- Please find below the slides used at the Due North Supplier Training Days and a Supplier Guide to Registration:
- [Due North Supplier Training Slides](#)
- [Supplier Guide to Due North Registration](#)

If you need any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact Rob
Robert.buckley@cornwall.gov.uk

We are setting up an area of our Cornwall Council website to keep you updated with specific information on the fostering and residential tender and we will email you the link once we have set this up.

Sandra and David will be setting up the provider forums we discussed and they will be in touch soon. And, Sandra will be contacting you shortly with information on how to come down and meet the Placement Hub Team here in Cornwall. In the meantime please feel free to contact them if you have any queries or worries:
sandra.king@cornwall.gov.uk david.roose@cornwall.gov.uk

We are committed to a collaborative relationship with you and we appreciate the time and energy you are putting into helping us do the right thing for children in the care of Cornwall.

One last thing, I enclose an evaluation form for the workshop on 9 January. I would be grateful if you could please give us some feedback and email back to Angie angie.andrews@cornwall.gov.uk . We will use your feedback to inform our next session on 1 April.



Thank you again to those of you who are providing care and support to our children and young people.

Yours sincerely



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Enclosures:

1. Presentation from workshop held on 9 January 2019
2. Key points and questions from workshop held on 9 January 2019
3. Workshop evaluation feedback form



